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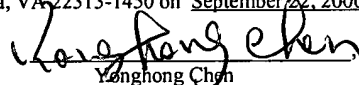
For: **THREE-DIMENSIONAL RECONSTRUCTION OF SURFACE PROFILES**

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1. DE 42 33 384 A1 (English abstract provided)
2. US 5,986,763

3. US 5,943,164
4. US 5,818,594
5. US 4,873,651
6. ZHANG ET AL.: "Shape from Shading: A Survey," IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 1999, pages 690-706, Vol. 21, No. 8, IEEE, US (in English)
7. MANDLER ET AL.: "One-pass Encoding of Connected Components in Multi-Valued Images," In: Proc. 10th Intern. Conf. on Pattern Recognition, 1990, pages 64-69, Vol. 2, IEEE, US (in English)
8. HARTT ET AL.: "A method for shape-from-shading using multiple images acquired under different viewing and lighting conditions," In: Proc. IEEE Computer Society Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 1989, pages 53-60, IEEE, US (in English)

Documents 1-8 are cited in the German Search Report. No English translation is readily available for Document 1. An English abstract is enclosed. Fig. 1 and column 2, lines 43 and following of Document 1 are cited as relevant to claims 1-2 and 6 of the corresponding German application. This satisfies Applicants' obligation of providing concise explanation of relevancy for non-English document.

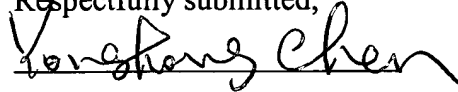
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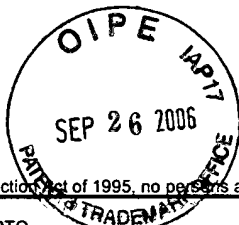
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